



Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

FY 2014 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2012 Enacted:	\$412.5 million (70 positions)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$0.0 million
Program Changes:	-\$0.0 million
FY 2014 Budget Request:	\$412.5 million (70 positions)
Change From FY 2012 Enacted:	+\$0.0 million (+0%)

Mission:

The mission of the OVW is to provide federal leadership to reduce violence against women, and to support the administration of justice for and strengthen services to all victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This is accomplished by developing and supporting the capacity of state, local, tribal, and non-profit entities involved in responding to violence against women.

Resources:

The budget request for FY 2014 totals \$412.5 million, which is the same as the FY 2012 enacted. Of this amount, all \$412.5 million is requested under the OVW appropriation. The request also includes a \$6.2 million rescission of prior year balances.

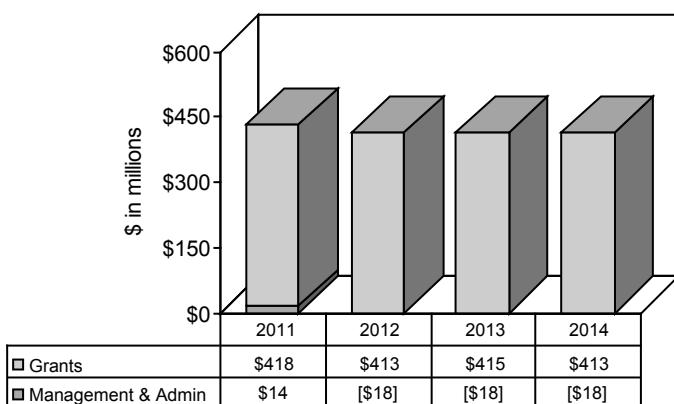
Organization:

OVW is headed by a Director, who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The Director oversees a Criminal Justice Division, Community Division, Policy Analysis Division and Administration Division.

Personnel:

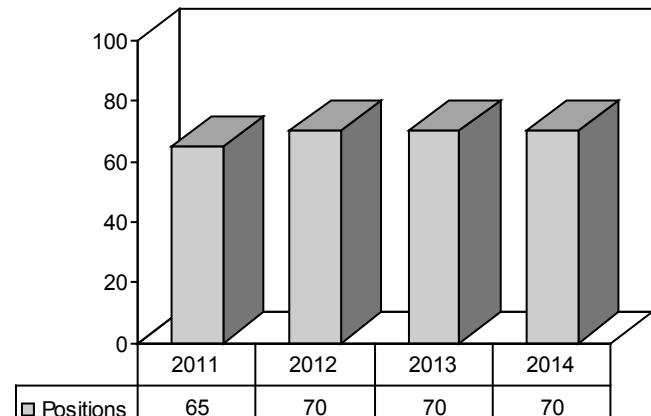
The OVW's direct authorized positions for FY 2014 total 70 positions, which is the same as the FY 2012 enacted.

Funding (FY 2011 - 2014)



Starting in FY 2012, M&A is funded from Grants

Personnel (FY 2011 - 2014)



FY 2014 Strategy:

The OVW was created specifically to implement the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation. OVW administers financial and technical assistance to communities around the country to facilitate the creation of programs, policies, and practices aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

In recognition of the severity of the crimes associated with domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA 1994) as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. VAWA is a comprehensive legislative package designed to end violence against women and was reauthorized in 2000, 2005, and was again reauthorized in March 2013. The legislative history of VAWA indicates that Congress seeks to remedy the legacy of laws and social norms that serve to justify violence against women. Since the passage of VAWA, there has been a paradigm shift in how the issue of violence against women is addressed.

VAWA was designed to improve criminal justice responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to increase the availability of services for victims of these crimes. VAWA requires a coordinated community response to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, encouraging jurisdictions to bring together players from diverse backgrounds to share information and to use their distinct roles to improve community responses to violence against women. These players include, but are not limited to: victim advocates, police officers, prosecutors, judges, probation and corrections officials, health care professionals, leaders within faith communities, and survivors of violence against women. The federal law takes a comprehensive approach to violence against women by combining tough new penalties to prosecute offenders while implementing programs to aid the victims of such violence. By working together, a system can be created to keep victims safe and hold offenders accountable. OVW has instituted this philosophy at all levels of its work.

Overall, the budget reflects a focus on areas core to the mission of OVW. Five priorities guided the FY 2014 budget request of the Office: 1) supporting essential services for victims in light of the economic strain on communities across the country; 2) reducing sexual assault; 3) increasing court responsiveness to children exposed to violence and their families; 4) reaching underserved communities; and 5) ensuring meaningful evaluation of programs and implementation of evidence-based practices.

FY 2014 Program Changes:

Safe Havens/Court Training Consolidation: \$16 million to consolidate the existing Safe Havens/Supervised Visitation Program with the Courts Program to create a program that provides comprehensive support to victims of domestic violence and their families in the civil justice system. There are no current services funding for this program.

Rural Program: \$3.5 million to enhance the safety of children, youth, and adults who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by supporting projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural jurisdictions. FY 2014 current services for this initiative are \$34 million.

Program Offset – Safe Havens Program: -\$11.5 million to consolidate funding in the new Enhancing Safety for Victims and their Children in Family Law Matters Program.

Program Offset – Court Training Program: -\$4.5 million to consolidate funding in the new Enhancing Safety for Victims and their Children in Family Law Matters Program.

Offsetting Decreases include funding for Transitional Housing (\$3 million) and National Resource Center on Workplace Response (\$0.5 million)

Rescission: Additionally, the budget proposes to rescind \$6.2 million in prior year balances.